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SUBJECT:SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

REFTEL: YAOUNDE 04805

1. STAFF MEMBERS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED CONCERNING THE EMBASSY'S PREFERENCE FOR FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS BY ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTROLLED TELEGRAM OR THROUGH POUCHED CORRESPONDENCE. THE COMMITTEE FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT THE INVESTIGATIVE NATURE OF THEIR UNDERTAKING REQUIRES THAT THEY BE ABLE TO ENGAGE IN AN ACTUAL DIALOGUE WITH DONNA SCHLOSS, AND THEY DO NOT WISH TO BE RESTRICTED TO USE OF TELEGRAM AND POUCH.

2. COMMITTEE STAFF WERE SPECIFICALLY INFORMED ABOUT EXISTING MONITORING DIFFICULTIES AND WHEN ASKED HOW CONCERNED THEY WERE THAT OTHER PARTIES WOULD BE ABLE TO HEAR AND PERHAPS HAVE A TRANSCRIPT OF THE ENTIRE CONVERSATION, THEY INDICATED THAT WAS NOT A FACTOR SUFFICIENT TO DETER THEIR DESIRE FOR ORAL COMMUNICATION.

3. COMMITTEE STAFF AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT IN LIGHT OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH THE EMBASSY FEELS EXIST, THEY WOULD BEGIN THE CONVERSATION WITH A STATEMENT INDICATING THE SETTING
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AND CONTEXT IN WHICH THEY WERE ASKING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS,

I.E., A INVESTIGATION INTO EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE MANY YEARS EARLIER, AND THEY WOULD ALSO, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, NOT UTILIZE PARTICULARLY PROVOKING WORDS OR PHRASES SUCH AS "ASSASSINATE".

4. COMMITTEE INDICATED INTENTION TO MAKE NEXT CALL 0900-0930, DECEMBER 16 EST.

FYI. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE IN REFTTEL WAS IN ERROR. THE CORRECT NUMBER IS: AREA CODE (202) 225-4624. KISSINGER

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